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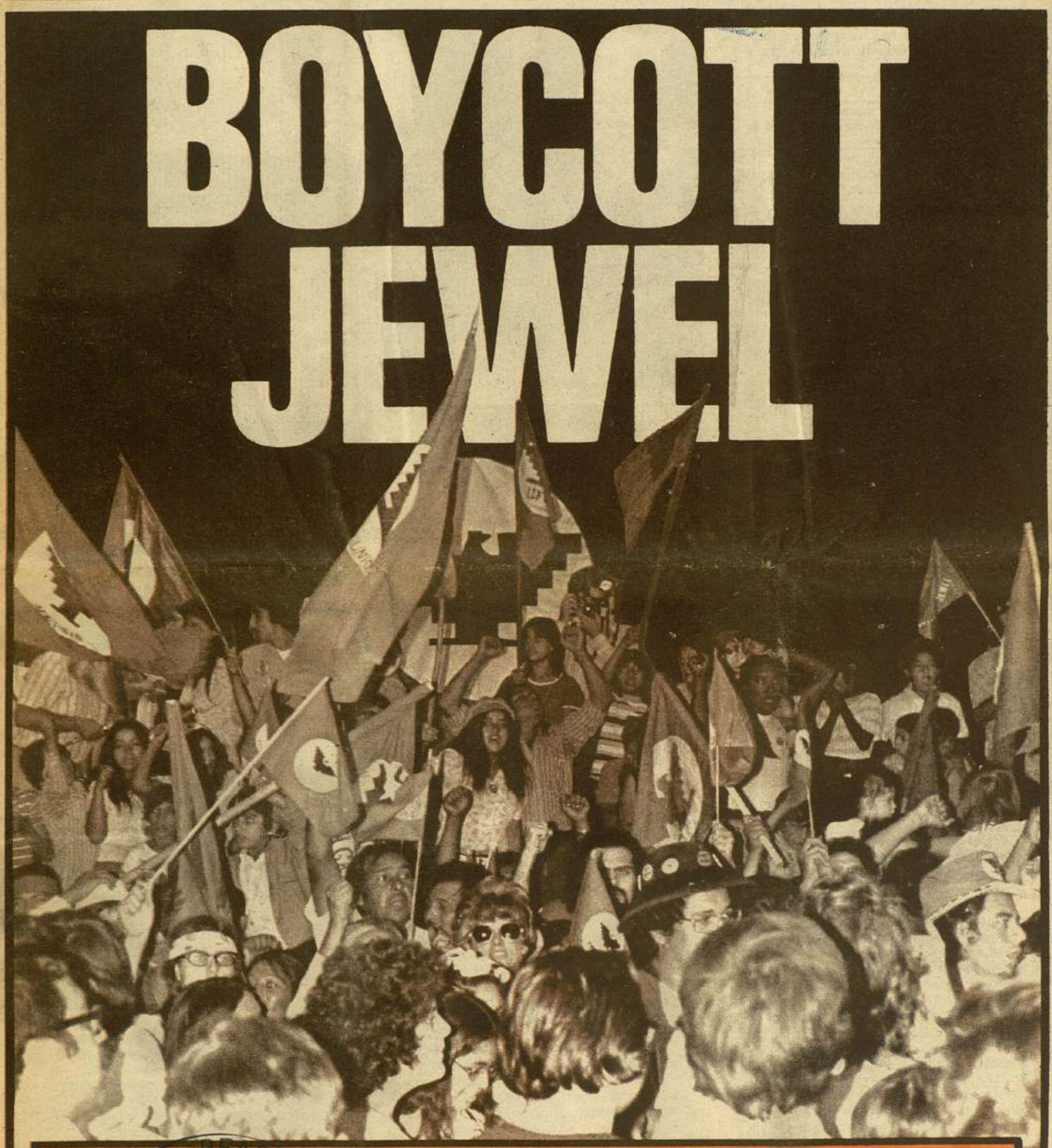


JEWEL SHOWS NO CONCERN FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE FARMWORKERS IN THE FIELD. THE UNITED FARM WORKERS ARE CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT AGAINST JEWEL TO FORCE THEM TO QUIT BUYING SCAB LETTUCE AND GRAPES AND TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE LARGE GROWERS TO SIGN UFW CONTRACTS.

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## A CLOSE LOOK AT CHICAGO'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

**September 5, close to 600,000 students returned to Chicago's 568 public schools. But exactly what have they gone back to?**

**Endless days of macaroni and cheese, kool-aid, and cold classrooms in in winter.**

Because of the economic policies of the Nixon administration Chicago schools were hit by a cut back in Federal school lunch funds along with a shortage of meat. This means that our children face "endless days of macaroni and cheese." In fact the State Department of Instruction has prepared a list of 10 recommended school menus with meat substitutes. There will also be problems getting milk. Rising prices and less Federal money will mean students will pay more and/or be forced to go without milk. A recent cartoon aptly depicted a Nixon bureaucrat proclaiming "Let the people drink kool-aid". It's not funny, though, as thousands of hungry children will have to do without milk this school year.

And what about the so-called energy crisis? (Many experts like the Interstate Commerce Commission for instance which filed suit against several major oil companies claim there is no crisis at all. Rather it is a clever scheme to force small independent dealers out of business, raise prices, raise export quotas, build support for the contoversial Alaskan pipe-line,' etc.) Will this so-called crisis affect the schools? Apparently it will. The Chicago school system has sent out two requests for heating oil to heat 231 school buildings and neither request has as yet been answered. Not only will our kids have lousy lunches, they also face the possibility of unheated or underheated classrooms this winter. This is just the combination to produce widespread illness among the students this winter.

**Old and deteriorating school buildings will be another year older with another years worth of wear and tear.**

One half of the over 500 schools in Chicago are 50 years old or older. 116 were built before 1900! As you might remember the roof caved in at the Audobon school last year. The Board of Education did take several million out of the rehabilitation funds (to keep the schools open). So, who knows? Even if the roof doesn't fall in, most schools still resemble old prisons that are crumbling apart, and the Board doesn't seem very concerned at all. In fact, one member recently pointed out that they have been talking about doing something with Waller High School (built in 1898) for a number of years now. And maybe they will do something now . . . now that Lincoln Park is being urban renewed for middle and upper class whites. They certainly don't want a dilapadated high school lowering the property values in their neighborhood!

**The number 1 racially segregated school system in the country.**

This conclusion was reached by a group at Johns Hopkins University in a study of 91 cities across the nation.

Their conclusion is supported by a look at enrollment figures. They indicate that only about 9% of Chicago's schools (56 out of 568) are in any way "racially balanced" i.e. with 20 to 50% "minority" students.

But the racism goes much deeper than this. According to a study published in the Chicago Tribune (Sept. 5, 1972) "The school system spends an average of $10 more per pupil in white elementary schools than in Black ones." This figure only takes into account money expended for teaching salaries and not money for materials (which most teachers have to buy out of their own pockets) or money to improve the condition of the building, or the quality of lunches, etc.

As you may expect, the "quality of education" suffers in low-income and "minority" schools. The reading scores in the run down schools indicate that this is correct. They have been going lower in these schools every year.

The racism of the school board is so blatent that even Nixon's Department of Health, Education, and Welfare denied the Board of Education a $2.3 million grant. This was done because of the boards racial discrimination in its teachers' assignments. Another clear indication of the board's racism was it's reassignment of 35 Black students out of the predominantly white Gage Park High School and into the all Black Englewood High School.

The lack of bilingual (Spanish-English) teachers and programs is another form of discrimination against Chicago's growing numbers of Spanish-speaking students. This is certainly one reason an estimated 78% of Puerto Rican students drop out or are forced out of Chicago schools.

All across the city, students that are Black or Latino or American Indian or Oriental or Greek . . . all are forced to pay the price of the board's racist policies. The price is rotten education.

**A system that is controlled by big business.**

The Chicago school system, as with all school systems, is set up to serve the interests of big business. Big business needs a few people who are trained to become the managers and owners. These are the kids that go on to the large colleges. They usually come from rich or middle class white families. They usually come from the suburbs or "better" neighborhoods in Chicago. These are where the "good" schools are located.

Mostly, though, business needs people to run the factories, sell the products, do the typing, provide the services, keep the house running. So businesses want the schools to turn out lots of people ready to become workers in industry. Business' concern is turning out trained, obedient workers, rather than independent, well educated human beings. Because the Board of Education runs the schools in the

interests of big business it is not surprising to find that our schools are falling down, milk is getting more expensive, racism is rampant, etc., etc. The Board of Education just doesn't give a damn about the well being of most of our students.

The performance of the Chicago Board of Education has within the past year or so clearly revealed a big business care-little-or-nothing attitude about the concerns and viewpoints of the majority of citizens of Chicago. State Senator Donald Swinarski, in referring to the Board of Education, said: "the majority of people don't want to be spoken for by surrogates and bystanders living on Lake Shore Drive." The Daley machine appoints these "surrogates and bystanders" and the machine dominated city council approves them.

A look at the backgrounds of Superintendent James Redmond and some of the other Board of Education members indicates that Swinarski's label of "Gold Coast surrogates and bystanders" was right on target.

Superintendent James Redmond: After receiving his doctorate in education from Columbia University (one of the elite "ivy league" schools) he went to work as an educational consultant for Booz, Allen, and Hamilton. This company, with its headquarters in Chicago, has done all kinds of work – designing management systems, weapons production-efficiency systems, etc. – for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, as well as for police departments.

James Redmond designed systems for schools. After all, schools are another way to control people in this country just like the police and military. It is also interesting that since Redmond has been managing the

Chicago school system his old company (Booz, Allen, and Hamilton) has received several fat contracts for "consultant studies".

In addition, Redmond sits on the board of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations right along side of a Mr. Kenneth Lund. Mr. Lund is a man very interested in education. The company that he is president of (Scott Foresman) makes millions off of selling textbooks. Maybe that's why Mr. Lund is also a member of the education committee of the Chicago Association of Commerce (the official voice of big business in Chicago). Wonder if he discusses the committee viewpoint or his comany's prospective sales with Jim Redmond over at the Council of Foreign Relations – you know, after drinking cocktails or whatever. Incidentally Redmond makes $55,000 a year in salary.

Mrs. Lydon Wild: As the most outspoken member of the board she was in charge of the committee that negotiated the contract with the Chicago Teacher's Union. According to reports (in Chicago Today) she was driven to the meetings in a "wood-paneled Cadillac equipped with writing desks for last-minute jottings." Apparently, she was dressed almost as if they were one of the fancy debutante balls that she founded i.e. the Presentation Ball – the annual Christmas cotillion for the daughters of the city's Catholic rich. Her description in Chicago Today reads like the society coumn: She arrived immaculately coiffed and smartly dressed in a white fur coat, a brilliant green, red, and black print dress, accented by knee-length boots and massive gold jewelry. Within minutes she was bustling about the third-floor office suite with a cigaret firmly thrust into her gold cigaret holder . . .

Her husband is vice-president of one of the largest dredging companies in the midwest – Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co.

Gerald Sbarboro: member of a big Loop law firm – Goldstick, Nye and Rawson – a firm that also has two directors on the board of Gateway National Bank.

John D. Carey: President of the school board, he is also a big Daley bureaucrat as president of the Public Building Commission.

Warren Bacon: One of the 3 Blacks on the Board. He quit the board last Spring charging that "there must be a definite elimination of the prejudice that exists not only but including racial and ethnic prejudice." He is assistant director of industrial relations at Inland Steel.

Alvin Boutte: He is president of a large drug store chain and sits on the board of directors of Independence Bank and Johnson Products.

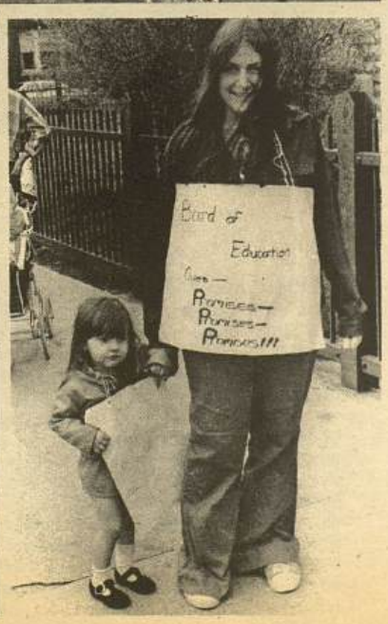
Mrs. Louis Mallis: public relations director for the Institute for International Education. Her husband is the manufacturing representative for a major furniture company.

Thomas J. Nayder He is the so-called "representative of labor". His position is president of the Chicago Building and Trades Council.

Mrs. Carey Preston: the token "poor Black". She is described as a former social worker and enthusiastic supporter of Superintendent James Redmond.

Mrs. David Cerda: the token Latin, her husband is associate judge of the Cook County Circuit Court.

**IN THE LAST FEW YEARS PARENTS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAVE STEPPED UP THE FIGHT FOR IMPROVED SCHOOL FACILITIES AND QUALITY EDUCATION.**



**A system in which parents, students and teachers are rising up angry.**

The Chicago school system is generally so rotten that teachers can't teach, students can't learn and everyone knows it. Parents who want a decent education for their children are struggling to force the school system to do what it is supposed to do-educate people – not run children thru a mill. Students who want a decent education that is relevant to them have been fighting for long overdue changes. Teachers who want to teach, rather than babysit or act as cops, have been trying to force new policies on the board of education. Yes, school has started and things are getting worse so we can expect lots of fights as the people try to force the Board of Education to educate our children. And one thing is perfectly clear – the only way the schools will ever improve is if the people force the Board of Education to make the necessary improvements.

# WHAT'S GOING ON....

What with the heat wave and all, there's been lots of people at the beaches and parks. Of course, people being outside and being together gets the man in blue up tight so there's been lots of harassmen and arrests. For instance, on Friday night, August 24th, 11 people were busted for disorderly conduct at **BLACKHAWK PARK** and at **KIWANIS PARK**, the pigs have been coming around early in the evening and kicking people out of the park. If people can't go to the park and it's too hot to be inside, where do they expect us to go?

Brothers & Sisters from Blackhawk Park

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Police have been hassling people at the beaches, too. People who go by **ADDISON ROCKS** report that 19th District police have been constantly harassing them. A typical example of police activity happened on August 26th when about 6 squad cars pulled up. This was around 8:30 PM. They told everyone that they needed to have some identification to stay. Then one cop, who thought he was John Wayne, began telling people in vans or recreactional vehicles that they had to leave because "you're parked on a boulevard." Then they got in their squad car and turned on their loud speaker announcing: "The park is now closed! Everyone must leave." This was on one of the hottest nights in the year at only 8:45. So much for that "Serve and Protect" stuff!

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Unfortunately, unnecessary arrests and hassles aren't limited to one beach or park or neighborhood - it's happening everywhere. One day, 2 brothers from **ALBANY PARK, MARK** and **SCOTT**, were up at **FOSTER BEACH** and they saw police searching a sister. Scott asked what she was being busted for. The police threatened to throw him in jail if he said another word. Unable to resist the challenge from one of Chicago's finest, Scott said, "Go home, Mod Squad." For having the nerve to say that, 3 undercover cops (including one in a strappy T and baggies) arrested him. Naturally, Mark asked what his friend was being charged with. For this he was handcuffed, thrown on the ground and stomped on by 5 cops. Mark and Scott were then taken to Summerdale (20th district) station where Scott was cut loose and Mark was charged with disorderly conduct. What did they learn from this experience? "Watch out for the dudes with air flight bags and narcs in strappy Ts up at Foster Beach." More pig stories later.

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**RISING UP ANGRY** and **FRIENDS OF ANGRY** from around **LOGAN SQUARE** and **ALBANY PARK** have begun a campaign to get the community to boycott Jewel stores in their neighborhoods. This is part of a larger drive throughout the country to support the United Farm Workers Union (see the centerspread for details). If you want to help, either by boycotting Jewel, helping with the picket line, distributing leaflets and telling your friends and family not to shop at Jewel, contact **RUA** at 472-1791 everyday between 12 - 5. We welcome all the help we can get

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What about that phoney plot to kill Nixon? It was all a publicity stunt to win sympathy for Tricky Dick. Sympathy, for a mass murderer? One person who wasn't impressed with the whole thing is brother Edwin Gaudet, a former New Orleans cop. He's the one who supposedly threatened Nixon's life. Turns out, though, he wasn't even in New Orleans at the time he was supposed to have made the threat. He was on a commune in New Mexico.

So here's this dude up in the mountains with his family and friends and all of a sudden he's being chased by feds, state and local police and his name is on the front page of every newspaper in the country. He's scared and runs. Finally, he agrees to turn himself in because he knows he's innocent. As he's being led to the pig car he says, "The government is organized crime; the Pope is the head of the Mafia; and Angela Davis for President." When he gets to the station, the charges of threatening the president are dropped, but now he's charged with assaulting an officer while he was in the hills. So Edwin Gaudet is in jail because Nixon needed some sympathy. It's Ed Gaudet who needs our sympathy and Nixon who needs to be in jail.

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Speaking of Nixon, which is always bad news. The night of his speech on Watergate, TV 2 News went out to **SIR ROBERT PUB** on Diversey and Albany in **LOGAN SQUARE** to get the peoples' reaction. Bill Kurtis, the newsman on the scene, wanted to get an evenly divided group - some for, some against, some wishy washy. But at the end of the newscast he had to admit "more people seem to not believe the president!" That's for sure.

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Marquette Park. Despite continual police surveillance and harassment, the people's spirit isn't dampened.

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Here's another reason we need community control of police. **BANG** and **JIM**, who live in the **19th Police District** (Town Hall) told us this one: "We were living at Hoyne and Cornelia near Audobon School. On July 30, we were partying with a sister in front of Audobon. Her father came out and whacked her in the face for sneaking out of the house. This was about 11:30 and he threatened to call the cops on us. At about 12:30 we were inside our crib when 2 cops from 19th district - Friedrich and Bertoli; walked in without a warrant and busted us for contributing to the delinquency of a minor and disorderly conduct. Friedrich hit Jim with a black jack.

"After being in jail for 29 hours we went to Domestic Relations Court at 11th and State. The judge threw out the contributing charge and gave us a warning on the disorderly. When we were leaving the courtroom, "Officer" Friedrich said, "OK, you punks, you've got 6 months til I blow you away." So much for police believing in due process of law.

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Congratulations to the sisters and brothers from **MOZART & AVONDALE** who threw a dynamite block party on Saturday, August 25. There was entertainment by folk signers and people's bands **AFTER DEATH** and **DWARF HARDY'**. From what I've heard everyone had a good time.

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Latin Kings, California & McLean

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Welcome back **SUE SANDOVAL** from all of your friends on the south side and from the south side legal clinic. Also good news for **DAVID RESHY**; he's getting out of the navy after doing some time in the Great Lakes Brig. Bet you're happy, bro!

From **DICKENSON PARK**: Happy Birthday to **BROTHER MIKE (SUKI) SUKIENNIK** who turned 21 on September 1st and to **JOHN WUNICK** who turns 21 on September 18, Congratulations to **NORBY MIKA & DONNA DEGNAN** who are getting married on September 15.

One of the worst things about summer is all of the drownings that happen and this summer is no exception. It makes us very sad to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of 3 brothers who drowned last month. **GEORGE A. WILEY**, long time civil rights activist and former head of the National Welfare Rights Organization fell off his boat and drowned in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay. Brother **RICK SPECIALLY** who was from Hudson & Armitage (& also Paulina and Barry) drowned on August 8th. And Brother **MICKEY GONZALEZ** from **MOZART PARK** drowned at Foster Beach last month. Everyone, please be careful when you go to the beach so we won't have to report any more tragic deaths.

Rick Specially

Cornell Dukes

At **CORNELL PARK**, Park Supervisor Jim Fengus, known throughout the park as "Drop a Dime," has been calling the pigs regularly to chase people he doesn't like out of the park. He is especially after the **CORNELL DUKES**, who he said he'd as soon see dead as alive. Recently he had five brothers busted for not leaving the park fast enough. Despite this harassment, people in Cornell Park continue getting together to have a good time.

Cops bust people for not leaving fast enough for "Drop a Dime" Jim. Brother pauses in paddy wagon door to give the fist to the cops & people in the park.

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And from **ALBANY PARK**: Happy Birthday to **DAVE BRAUN (CRAZY DAVE)** who turned 20 on September 3. Welcome to **NADER JOSEPH GHAZALEH** (7lbs 5 ozs.) who was born to **NADER & PAM GHAZALEH** on Sunday, August 12 at 2:32 PM.

There have been some injuries. Everyone hopes that **BROTHER SAINT, PHIL GLAZER, & STEVE ELROD** will get well real soon. And Steve wants to thank everybody that's come by, called, or sent a card.

Some more bad news: **LEON & CLIFF** who run the **STANDARD STATION at LAWRENCE & DRAKE** have been forced out of business because a construction company that's doing work for the city has been cluttering up the station with cars and equipment. This has hurt their business. Phone calls to the company did no good so now they're trying to find a place to relocate. In the mean time, they'll be selling all their batteries pretty cheap. So stop by if you need one.

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**Sister ANDREA** who is a WAVE and was formerly stationed at Great Lakes where she "resigned" from the Navy, is now stationed in Norfolk and the lifers don't know what to do about it. WAVEs aren't supposed to act like that and neither are sailors. But more and more are. Keep up the good work, sister....What if they had a ship and no one showed up to run it!

KEEP ON KEEPING ON

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

# Cop Continues To Harass Woman

On July 23rd, Officer Norbert Staszak (Badge No. 9844) of the 9th District gave Ms. Ann Hedge 2 tickets - one for not having turn signals and one for not having a Chicago vehicle sticker. Her turn signals were working and she showed the officer her drivers' license which proved she was a resident of Cicero, Illinois and she showed him the Cicero vehicle sticker on the car's windshield.

It was obvious that these tickets were pure harassment and part of a continuing attempt by Straszak to make Ms. Hedge's life unpleasant. At the 9th District station, station, where Ms. Hedge went to post bond, Staszak told one of the other cops that Mrs. Hedge had "gotten him twice and now I'm going to get her ass." He was referring to Feb. 24th when he stopped Ms. Hedge as she was walking away from her car towards her ex-husband's house. He asked to see her drivers' license and then asked her if she had $25. She asked him what she had done and he replied that she was getting a ticket for not having a Chicago vehicle sticker. She pointed out that she lived in Cicero at the address on her license. Staszak didn't care what the license said, he wanted $25.

By then, Mr. Nelms, Ann Hedge's ex-husband had come outside and told Staszak that he wasn't going to get a $25 pay-off, but that he and Ms. Hedge would go to the police station and post a bond. Staszak got mad and started swearing at Ms. Hedge. Mr. Nelms told him to watch his language. This infuriated Staszak even more and he pulled his gun out. Mr. Nelms then told Staszak, "If you pull a gun, you better use it, or you will eat it."

At this point, Staszak knew he couldn't intimidate these people so he put his gun away and left. The next day Staszak saw Ms. Hedge in a store and called her a "bitch" in front of 15 people. Both incidents were reported to Staszak's superior officer but apparently the only action taken was a verbal reprimand and nothing else.

When Ms. Hedge went to court on the last 2 tickets that Staszak gave her the charges were dismissed. Staszak was furious that he had been put down again, but Ms. Hedge didn't stop at that. She went to 11th and State and filed a formal complaint agaainst Staszak for constantly harassing her. She had dealt with the police department before so she is not going to just let this case be buried and forgotten.

There are many cops like Staszak and the only way they are going to be eliminated is for the people to stand up and fight for their rights and not give in to their harassment and intimidation.

# Food Additives Add To Profits

According to a leading trade journal, *Food Engineering*, the more food additives, the higher the potential profit. Additives allow highspeed production; they minimize costs; and they let food endure over thousands of miles of traveling and buffetting, keeping it fresh-looking and tasting for long periods of time.

The food industry, with $130.6 billion in sales last year, is the nation's fastest growing business. It has increased 63% since 1960. Additives cut costs for the manufacturer. Cakes that once needed eggs and butter now need only tiny amounts of synthetic flavoring and coloring and emulsifier.

While the food industry has been bringing in high profits, it hasn't been doing much for health. For instanee, at a nutrition conference in Albuquerque a few months ago, Jean Mayer, a Harvard nutritionist, said that American men had the 10th highest life expectancy in the world 10 years ago, but in 1972 they ranked 40th.

# Letters to Rising Up Angry

Dear Rising Up Angry,

I work at the National Boulevard Bank and in case anyone is thinking about getting a job there - don't! It's really a drag the way the workers are treated - especially if you have one of the low-paying jobs.

One incident that happened will give you an idea of how rotten the workers are treated. One girl had been working at the bank for 4 months longer than me, she had more work and responsibility, but was getting $25 a month less pay. So she decided to quit. When she told the personnel officer that she was quitting, they decided that she shouldn't get the sick pay she was entitled to. So she ended up getting 3 days less pay on her last check.

The bank is also very racist. Most of the black and Latin sisters and brothers who work there are in the lowest paying jobs. Only a few are tellers, which is a little better paying job.

The workers are getting fed up with the way the bank treats us and we're getting ready to fight back.

POWER TO THE WORKERS

A Teller from National Boulevard Bank

LOGAN SQUARE

Dear RUA,

Sunday night, September 3, it was really hot and humid outside. There were lots of people out walking around the area of the Logan Square Monument. Suddenly a young guy breezing along on his 10 speed ran in front of a moving car. He was hit hard, thrown high into the air over the car landing behind it. The guy didn't move. A crowd gathered quickly and people waited anxiously to see if he'd move. It was almost ten minutes before the police finally arrived. The kid still wasn't moving. People assumed he was dead. We overheard several people talking about an ambulance. Where was it? Surely this could be life or death seconds ticking by. After 20 minutes an ambulance finally pulled up.

It was a terrible thing to watch that body lie there face down in the street and wonder when the ambulance would arrive. We all felt so helpless. Twenty minutes is a long time. Somehow they can fly to the moon but when it comes to saving someone's life it was 20 minutes before help arrived. Someday our technology and medical services will meet the needs of the people. We weren't able to find out how badly injured the guy was but we were able to find out he's at least still alive.

- - a sister from Logan Square

## AUSTIN COPS INDICTED

# PEOPLE FROM 'DOC GANDOLPH'S' REMEMBER

A lot of the familiar police faces we saw busting and harrassing us are now indicted on conspiracy to extort money from taverns. These include two of the worst who participated in the "Destroy Gandolph's Operation" –Vice cops De Paula and Marrion. Commander Thanasouras got it too!

*These are times when the people are learning the truth about many things. It is not outrageous to say that the government is run by crooks, thieves and liars. It will be a long time until all things are set right, but we are fortunate to be living in a period when new facts of police corruption and extortion are being exposed every day. Recently, former Austin District (15th) Police Commander Mark C. Thanasouras, along with 13 other Austin cops, has been indicted for bar shakedowns in the Austin district. They are accused of conspiring to extort money payments from 28 taverns.*

*Many people in the Austin area have known Thanasouras for what he is for many years. His extortion of money is not the only way he abused his position to rip off and control the people. He gave direct orders to officers in the district to harass the young people in the district, particularly those who tried to organize themselves in the Austin district in 1969. Thanasouras feared young people getting together. And while he succeeded initially in providing obstacles to the unity of the people, we can all learn lessons from what came down, preparing to do things better the next time. We can also rejoice in the partial victory that the crooked-former-commander and his fellow crooked-cops have at least been indicted.*

*Here is the story of Doc Gandolphs General store, the cops' efforts to close it, and what some participants learned.*

Doc Gandolphs General Store (at Lake and Austin) opened in January of 1969. It was closed almost exactly one year later. The store became a center for a large number of brothers and sisters of all races from Austin and Oak Park. The store was organized as a not-for-profit organization and was physically divided into a boutique, a rap area and dance floor. The people spent several hundred hours of time and effort decorating, installing black lights, sound system, display cases, etc. Within 3 weeks after signing the lease, we were open for business. That's when the people were confronted with some of Chicago's worst, the Vice and Detective Teams of the 15th District.

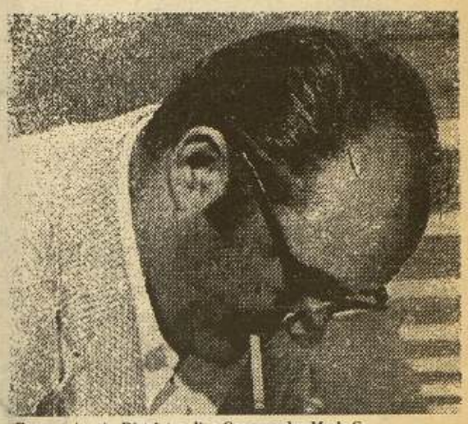
Under orders from Commander Thanasouras, the first day we opened, two cops walked in and arrested two of the managers for contributing to the delinquency of a minor because a Black brother and white sister were holding hands. From that day on , the people of Gandolph's , bikers, street clubs, freaks, were in a continuous conflict with the 15th District.

Part of the problem was that the owner of the building was Commander Mark Thanasouras' Father-In-Law, who was trying to break our lease from the start. Daily harrassment increased steadily for 3 or 4 months. Every night 8 to 10 cops would walk in, put everyone against the wall, check I.D.'s and fill out "field contact cards" on everyone present. Soon anyone from Gandolph's was being stopped, searched and often arrested for no reason everywhere in the 15th.

As the repression grew, so did the people's resistance. Our slogan became "Illigteme non Carborundum" or " Don't Let the Bastards Grind You Down." Rising Up Angry, La Gente and other groups came to rap about the police, the system and how to grow and fight. Gandolph's began branching out to the community, began speaking at churches and to the Organization for a Better Austin

As we grew stronger the cops grew more desperate. They tried planting drugs, tapping the phone, constant arrest charges, conning people into being tricks and destroying people's cars by constant searching ripping up upholstery, door panels, etc. The people responded by setting up lawyers on 24 hour call, over night guards with radio and telephone lines to certain TV and newspaper reporters, and other people living nearby. One night a fire bomb destroyed our copy of the lease and caused about $2,000 damage. The bomb was "coincidentially" placed where the lease was kept. There were certainly many places to put it where it could have done more damage. People united and repaired the damage within 2 days. But Gandolph's finally was forced out when the lease ran out. Our copy was gone and so was the owner's–he couldn't find it. So there went our three year option to renew.

Looking back, we see the internal conflicts betwen gangs, clubs and individuals, the over-use of acid, downers and booze, lack of discipline and political education, and the all out efforts of the 15th District pigs to destroy the only place people could come together and grow. The more the police harassed us, the more drugs there were to divert the people's energy and attention. And, probably not coincidentally, a lot of people dealing drugs were allowed to slide by the Vice cops, the same ones who were coming down on Gandolph's and the people who came there.



Former Austin District police Commander Mark C. Thanasouras after being indicted for tavern shakedowns in Austin.

On the positive side, we can also see the growth of love, friendship, political strength, and concern among a lot of our people. From January 1970, when we closed, the store was vacant, the owner unable to rent it until only six month ago. The store front was rented and converted to a laundromat, along with 4 others within 3 blocks.

A lot of the familiar police faces we saw busting and harrassing us are now indicted on conspiracy to extort money from taverns. These include two of the worst who participated in the "Destroy Gandolph's Operation" –Vice cops De Paula and Marrion. The Commander Thanasouras got it too!

## CORONER DELAYS ORLANDO QUINTANA INQUEST; REFUSES BLUE RIBBON INVESTIGATION...

The family of Orlando Quintana has been denied a request for a special blue ribbon inquest into his death. Orlando Quintana was killed by an off-duty policeman, Garford Eveland, on July 29. The police claim that Orlando, known as Beetle to his friends, was involved in a robbery outside the Tower Tavern (2013 W. North Ave.) and that Eveland shot him while breaking up the robbery. However, Beetle had a well-paying job at Association House, had recently graduated from Northeastern University, and was well known in the community for getting members out of gang fights and into constructive work for the community. So the police story seems like a lie.

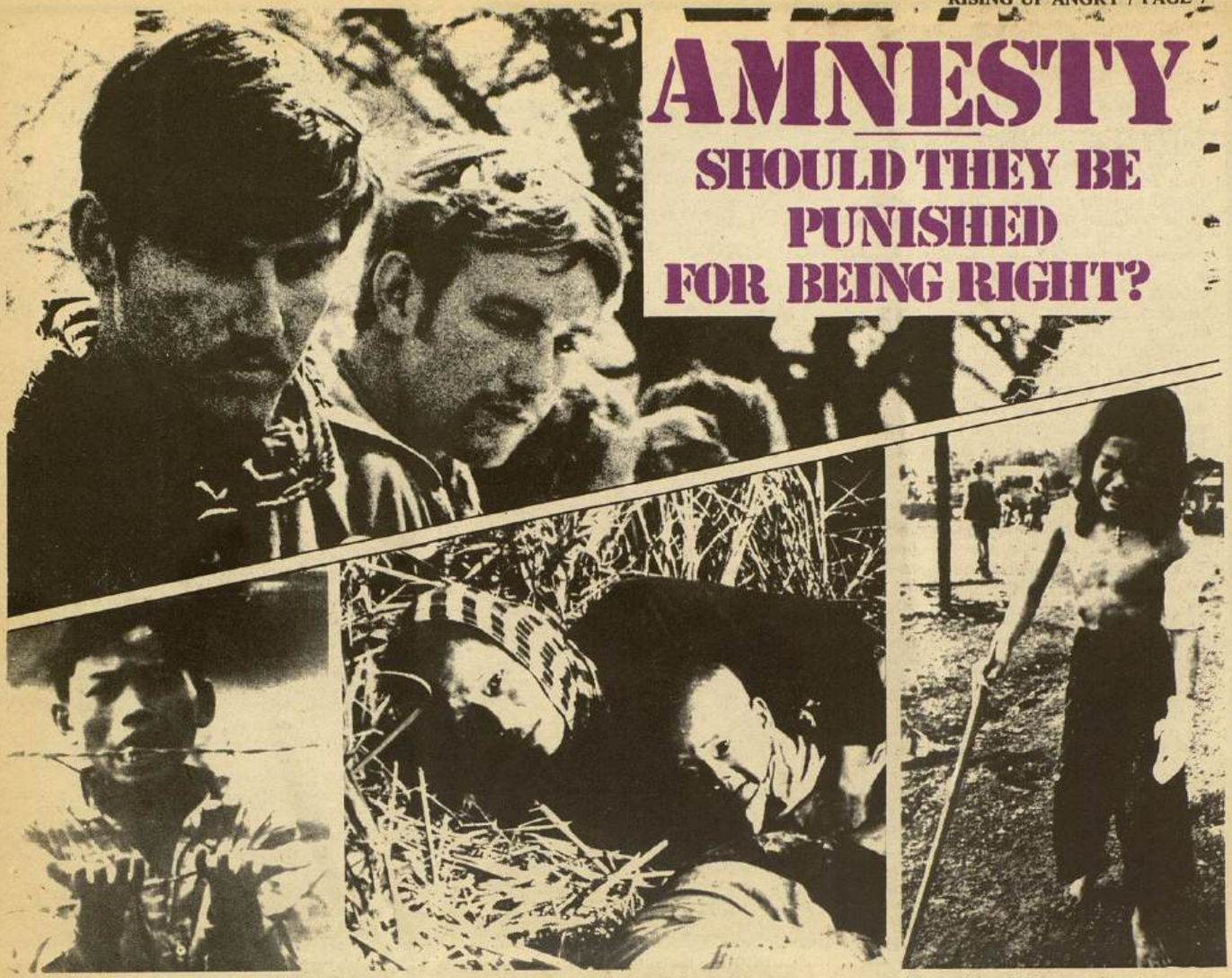
In an effort to get to the truth of the killing, the Quintana family requested a special blue ribbon inquest into the death. The reason they made this request was because the regular coroners' juries are nothing but rubber stamps for the police version. However, the coroner denied the request for the special inquest and continued the inquest until Oct. 2.

Regardless of what the coroner decides the Quintana family and the community will continue to pursue the affair until the truth comes out.

Orlando Quintana, shown holding his child, was shot to death by police.

# AMNESTY

## SHOULD THEY BE PUNISHED FOR BEING RIGHT?



Terry is in his late twenties, has three purple hearts, some shrapnel in both his knees, and a lot of bad memories from the Battle of Hue. He also has an Undesirable Discharge, (UD). On returning from Vietnam, Terry found he could no longer handle his remaining tour of duty with the United States Marine Corps and tried to drop out. A number of psychiatrists, both civilian and military, agreed that he should be given a medical discharge for his inability to readjust emotionally on returning from the war – the marines saw things differently, however, and threw him in the stockade. With its normal lack of compassion and humanity, the Corps ultimately threw Terry out of the service, not with a medical discharge, but with a UD! Today, Terry is unable to receive any GI Bill benefits, is severely limited in jobs and totally denied any medical treatment from the VA. When the shrapnel in his legs causes them to swell up, as it periodically does, Terry is not only unable to get any medical treatment and unable to receive any compensation, but is also unable to go to work and earn a living.

An unusual case? Hardly! Today there are hundreds of thousands of Americans in much the same situation as Terry. These people are forced to suffer the unjust punishment of losing their civil rights, their liberty and jobs because of having resisted the war in Indochina or for resisting the racism and oppression of the military. Contrary to Nixon's deliberate distortion about the "few hundred" anti-war exiles, there are in fact 60,000 to 100,000 of them. Moreover, the majority of war resisters are inside the U.S., not in exile. They are the G.I.'s and civilians in stockades and prisons, the estimated 200,000 fugitives underground and the ½ million vets with less-than-honorable discharges. They and the American people share a common oppression and need: That of amnesty!

The majority of the American people, including the Congress and the courts, have come to the conclusion that U.S. aggression in Indochina was wrong – morally, politically and legally. In fact, U.S. intervention in Indochina was done by Presidential decree, not by Congress, and therefore was an illegal war. In carrying out this attack on the people of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, the U.S. government violated the Geneva Accords of 1954 and 1962, and the International rules of war. Not mentioning the lies that the military told Congress and the American people about what was going on in Indochina, it's clear that the U.S. government was the criminal in the war. Yet, Terry, the 60 to 100,000 anti-war exiles, the 200,000 war resisters living underground in the U.S. and the 500,000 veterans who have received less than honorable discharges since 1963 still face criminal prosecution and life time discrimination for their opposition to this criminal activity.

At the end of World War II Nazi soldiers were put on trial for war crimes in Nuremburg. Most of these military men said that they were "only following orders" when they committed their war crimes. But the International body said that excuse wasn't good enough – each individual is responsible for his own actions and if he is ordered to do something immoral or illegal he must refuse or else later be found guilty for committing war crimes. Because the Nazi soldiers did not resist the illegal orders of the German government they were sentenced to death or prison terms after the war. Well, all of the people who resisted the war in Indochina, by refusing the draft, deserting from the military or disobeying military regulations were all acting in the way that international law says soldiers should act – both morally and legally.

So today in the U.S. we have a situation where a government that has been shown to be criminal is saying that it will prosecute and discriminate against those U.S. citizens who acted legally and morally correct in opposing U.S. aggression in Indochina.

In fact, at his February 1st press conference, President Nixon said: "Amnesty means forgiveness. We cannot provide forgiveness." Of course, the war resisters aren't asking for forgiveness (Nixon should be). Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), a group of Vietnam Veterans very concerned about anmesty has said: "Basically, we feel that we are not asking for forgiveness. We are committed to the position that all forms of resistance to the war were morally, politically and legally correct. . ." To correct this grave injustice committed against war resisters VVAW is demanding: "Universal, unconditional amnesty (with no alternative service or other punitive measures, or case by case judgement) for:

1) All military resisters (so-called "deserters") and draft resisters in exile or underground in the U.S.

2) All people who are or have been in civilian and military prisons, or those who are sought for prosecution because of their opposition to the war – this includes a clearing of their records.

3) The more than half million veterans with less than honorable discharges.

The campaign for amnesty is gaining support, but the U.S. government, unwilling to admit its own criminal role, strongly opposes any form of amnesty. However, if we are ever to patch up the wounds of Indochina on our own citizens we must begin by fighting for amnesty, so those who were right all along don't get punished for their actions. If you were against the war, you were for the deserters, draft resisters, and G.I. resisters.
Now we must stand up again and force the government to grant total, universal and unconditional amnesty to Terry and all other brothers and sisters.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE

"Boycott Jewel! Don't Shop at Jewel Supermarkets! Don't buy scab grapes! Support the United Farmworkers!

These shouts are being heard all over Chicago and all over the country. People everywhere are mobilizing to help the United Farm Workers Union (UFWU) in their struggle to win decent wages and decent working conditions for the nation's most exploited workers – the farmworkers who pick our food. The way we are supporting the farmworkers is by not shopping at Jewel stores (which is the largest grocery chain in the Midwest that buys scab grapes and lettuce) by not buying head lettuce or table grapes that don't have the UFWU label (the Black Aztec Eagle). By hitting Jewel where it hurts, in the pocketbook, we can force them to buy only union produce which in turn will pressure the large growers to sign contracts with the United Farmworkers Union. While working people across the nation have been mobilizing to support the strike and boycott, there has been some confusion about the reason and issues behind the boycott; so we should explain it.

THE UNITED FARMWORKERS ARE BORN

Farmworkers are the most oppressed and exploited workers in the country. While they pick and process the food that keeps the nation alive, farmworkers themselves have a very short life expectancy. In fact, infant mortality for farmworkers is 125% higher than for other workers; they have a 300% greater chance of contracting diseases; and a 300% greater chance of having an accident. The average farmworker family makes $3,000 a year. Until 1965, there was little hope for better conditions for farmworkers.

Because of these terrible conditions, though, the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) came on the scene in 1965 and there was new hope for farmworkers. UFWOC was organizing a union among farmworkers to win collective bargaining, higher wages and better working conditions. In 1965, the farmworkers went on strike in the grapefields in Delano, California. To help support the strike, the union organized a nationwide boycott of the grapes that were being picked by scabs (non-union workers). As a result of the strike and boycott the United Farmworkers Union signed its first contract with Schenley Company, a wine grape grower, in 1966. By 1970, after 5 years of strikes and boycotting, grape growers representing 85% of the industry agreed to sign contracts with UFW. This was the most important victory in the history of U.S. farmworkers. At last farmworkers had won union recognition and along with that a hiring hall, pesticide protection, better wages, a medical plan, etc. There was a small glimmer of hope.

Police watch to make sure children get the crop in.

## SUPPORT THE UNITED FARMWORKERS

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The union grew – spreading from the grapefields of Delano to the fields of Arizona, Texas, Florida and Oregon. Wherever there were farmworkers, the idea of building a union grew. But when farmworkers demand a living wage, decent working conditions and collective bargaining, the large growers (called agribusiness) who own the fields where the farmworkers toil made smaller profits. Naturally, these large agribusinesses made every attempt to destroy the UFW.

GROWERS & TEAMSTERS TRY TO CRUSH UFW

At the suggestion of Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, the growers who had been forced to sign union contracts with the UFW got together with Frank Fitzsimmons, President of the Teamsters Union. As you remember, after Jimmy Hoffa was pardoned by Nixon, the Teamsters supported Nixon in the 1972 elections. It was the first time the Teamsters had ever supported a Republican. The new Republican Teamster leadership were therefore in political agreement with the anti-labor policies of Nixon and would do most anything that would put them in favor with the Nixon administration. So out of these meetings between the government, growers and Teamsters came an agreement. The growers would sign contracts with the Teamsters rather than the UFW and the Teamsters would make very few demands on the growers. That made the growers happy – they wouldn't have to deal with the UFW. It made the Teamsters happy – they would get more dues and would be helping out their new friends, the Republican Party.

So growers around the country began signing "sweetheart contracts" with the Teamsters union. Sweetheart contracts mean that the union and the growers act together against the interests of the workers. By signing contracts with the Teamsters, the growers thought they wouldn't have to deal with the militant UFW, but could make the workers think they had union representation. In reality, the Teamsters did nothing to help the Farmworkers. The workers in the fields wanted to be represented by the UFW, though, and not the "do-nothing" Teamsters.

So when the contracts that the UFW had signed with the grape growers in 1970 expired in 1973, it became apparent that the growers were going to sign or had already signed "sweetheart contracts" with the Teamsters, rather than signing new contracts with UFW.

The intent of grower-Teamster contracts was to smash the UFW as an effective voice of farmworkers. (The Teamster would get the dues, the growers a sell out union, and the Farmworkers nothing.) So the UFW called on the workers to go on strike from the grapefields until the growers signed new contracts with UFW and to support this strike, the UFW asked people across the country to boycott the scab grapes (and also the scab head lettuce)until the growers signed new contracts with the UFW. In response to the strikes and the nationwide boycotts of lettuce and grapes the Department of Defense, joins the grower-Teamster conspiracy, by buying record amounts of the products for use in the military dining rooms.

Today the farmworkers on strike face a tough opposition – large growers, Teamsters, and the federal government. This opposition to the UFW often resorts to violence against the striking farmworkers.

ANTI-UFW VIOLENCE

Striking Farmwokers have been harassed and badly beaten while on picket lines near farm fields. Many of the beatings have come from cold-blooded thugs hired by the Teamsters. These thugs get paid $50 a day plus $7.50 a day for expenses by the Teamsters leadership.

• On July 15, while on a picket line near Lamont, California, UFW picketers were sprayed with a powerful chemical pesticide. 25 pickets required medical attention.

Two farmworkers among the pickets sprayed with a powerful chemical & arrested near Lamont, Calif.

• In Fresno, California, the sheriff's department denied reports that nine Union picketers were beaten by jail officials while in custody. Shortly after this denial, de deputy Allen A. Price was fired after he admitted taking part in these sadistic beatings.

• On August 1, brother Jose Mocon was entering a car after picketing in Tulare County in California. A shotgun blast came from a passing truck hitting Jose in his shoulder.

• On August 10, UFW strikers Marcelino Barajas was shot in the head and Paul Salgado was wounded in the back and hip. Witnesses said that shots came from at least six guns.

• In August violence against striking Farmworkers escalated as 2 strikers were murdered. Juan de la Cruz, a 60 year old Union member who had been involved in the struggle against the growers for over seven years was killed by a sniper's bullet as he was leaving a picket line.

• On August 14, Nagi Daifullah, an Arab Farmworker, was killed by Kern County Deputy Sheriff Gilbert Cooper. According to eye witnesses, Cooper hit Daifullah in the head with a flashlight – knocking him out. He was then dragged 40 to 50 feet along the sidewalk. He died while being treated at the hospital.

In response to the attempts to crush the Union and the murder of its members, more than 10,000 Farmworkers marched in the funeral procession of Nagi Daifullah. The funeral services were conducted in Arabic, Spanish and English to show the unity of farmworkers of all races. 5,000 strikers marched in the funeral procession for Juan de la Cruz.

YOU CAN HELP!

Before the UFW farmworkers had no hope for a better life. Today, because of the UFW, farmworkers have a fighting chance. But the enemy - growers, Teamsters and government - are strong so the farmworkers are asking our support in Boycotting scab grapes, and scab lettuce. It is only thru unity that working and poor people have ever been able to improve their conditions. And now is the time for working and poor people across the country to unify behind the UFW. If you think workers have a right to organize a union without being jailed, beaten and killed the UFW's struggle is your struggle. You can make a difference.

Jewel is the largest grocery chain in the midwest and continues to buy scab lettuce and grapes. Jewel shows no concern for the plight of the workers in the field. Therefore, the UFW is calling for a complete boycott of Jewel to force them to quit buying scab lettuce and grapes. By not shopping at Jewel we can force Jewel to put pressure on the large growers to sign UFW contracts. Furthermore, UFW is boycotting all non-UFW lettuce and grapes wherever they are sold. So you can help the farmworkers simply by not buying anything at Jewel and by not buying scab lettuce or grapes anywhere.

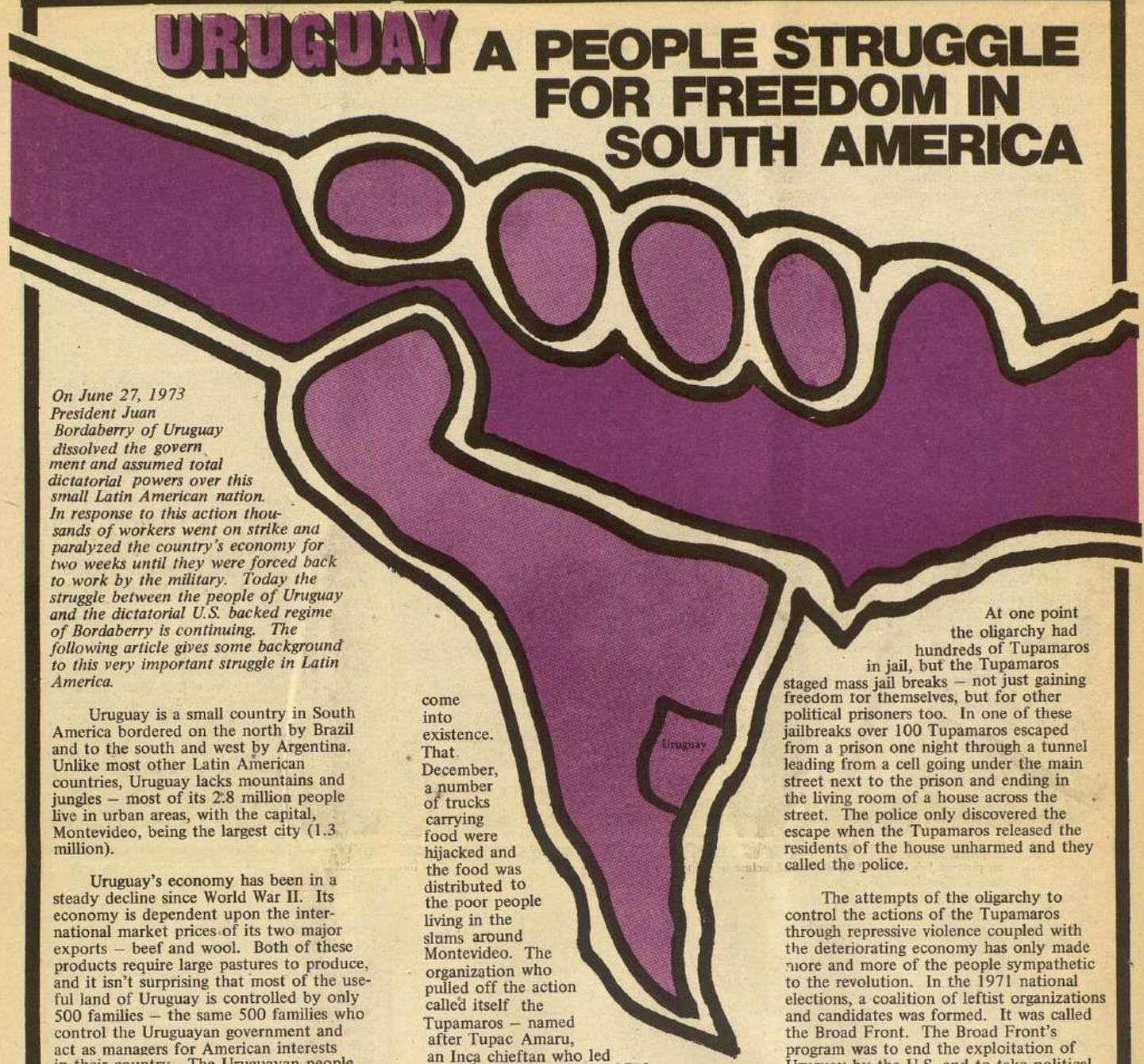
BOYCOTT JEWEL
SUPPORT THE UFW
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

If you want more information or to help with the boycotting and picketing in the Chicago area, you can contact the United Farmworkers at 1300 S. Wabash (Phone: 939-5120) or Rising Up Angry at 472-4790

Don't Shop at JEWEL!

800 striking farmworkers from California are welcomed to Chicago by a packed house on September 5, at Saint Sebastian's Church on the North Side. – Boycott Jewel – Together We Will Win!

# URUGUAY A PEOPLE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM IN SOUTH AMERICA




*On June 27, 1973 President Juan Bordaberry of Uruguay dissolved the government and assumed total dictatorial powers over this small Latin American nation. In response to this action thousands of workers went on strike and paralyzed the country's economy for two weeks until they were forced back to work by the military. Today the struggle between the people of Uruguay and the dictatorial U.S. backed regime of Bordaberry is continuing. The following article gives some background to this very important struggle in Latin America.*

Uruguay is a small country in South America bordered on the north by Brazil and to the south and west by Argentina. Unlike most other Latin American countries, Uruguay lacks mountains and jungles – most of its 2.8 million people live in urban areas, with the capital, Montevideo, being the largest city (1.3 million).

Uruguay's economy has been in a steady decline since World War II. Its economy is dependent upon the international market prices of its two major exports – beef and wool. Both of these products require large pastures to produce, and it isn't surprising that most of the useful land of Uruguay is controlled by only 500 families – the same 500 families who control the Uruguayan government and act as managers for American interests in their country. The Uruguayan people contemptuously refer to these rich lackies of American Imperialism as "the oligarchy"

In 1959, the Uruguayan economy suffered severe setbacks. Prices for their exported goods fell drastically and unemployment and inflation rapidly grew. The oligarchy could no longer handle the situation and it turned to the U.S. for "aid". This aid first came in the form of short-term loans and advice. The Uruguayan peso was develuated, unemployment rose, wages were frozen, but not profits of course, and inflation continued. (These are the same policies Nixon and his cronies are now pushing to end our current depression – it failed in Uruguay and it will fail here.) The oligarchy became more and more dependent on the U.S. – American "advisors" came to run the economy and train the police and military. The Uruguayan people suffered from these events but the oligarchy profited by becoming the guardians of U.S. economic interests in their own country. The wealth of Uruguay flowed out of the country and into the hands of Coca–Cola, ITT, GM, and the Chase Manhattan Bank.

As conditions grew worse and worse for the people, the oligarchy began having a problem controlling the country. In 1963, a small group of revolutionaries raided the Swiss Colony Rifle Club and seized 31 rifles and two carbines. At first the police said this was just another burglary, but it soon became evident that a militant revolutionary organization had come into existence. That December, a number of trucks carrying food were hijacked and the food was distributed to the poor people living in the slums around Montevideo. The organization who pulled off the action called itself the Tupamaros – named after Tupac Amaru, an Inca chieftan who led a revolt against Spain in 1780.

The Tupamaros engaged in violent revolutionary action against the oligarchy and U.S. imperialism. However, they have demonstrated their love and respect for the people in these actions. During a bank robbery that they pulled off in Montevideo an old woman fainted; the Tupamaros revived her and gave her water and drink before they left the bank. During another action they were attacked by civil guards and one of the guards was seriously wounded. The Tupamaros endangered their own lives by giving first aid to this wounded enemy soldier – first aid which saved his life It is no wonder that one Uruguayan minister remarked that a recent wave of bank robberies were probably actions by the Tupamaros because the robbers were "so polite and humane". The human touch of the Tupamaros stands opposed to the fumbling oppressive violence of the oligarchy and their U.S. advisors – it points the way to a socialist future for Uruguay where respect for humanity and freedom from capitalist oppression are the basis of the new society.

The oligarchy hasn't stood by and just watched the activities of the Tupamaros. They have resorted to mass arrests, outlawing union activities, closing down opposition newspapers, assassinating opposition leaders and calling for more military advisors and equipment from the U.S. (This is similar to the situation in South Viet Nam in the late 1950's.)

At one point the oligarchy had hundreds of Tupamaros in jail, but the Tupamaros staged mass jail breaks – not just gaining freedom for themselves, but for other political prisoners too. In one of these jailbreaks over 100 Tupamaros escaped from a prison one night through a tunnel leading from a cell going under the main street next to the prison and ending in the living room of a house across the street. The police only discovered the escape when the Tupamaros released the residents of the house unharmed and they called the police.

The attempts of the oligarchy to control the actions of the Tupamaros through repressive violence coupled with the deteriorating economy has only made more and more of the people sympathetic to the revolution. In the 1971 national elections, a coalition of leftist organizations and candidates was formed. It was called the Broad Front. The Broad Front's program was to end the exploitation of Uruguay by the U.S. and to take political power away from the oligarchy. The Broad Front won control of many municipal governments and sent new senators to the national parliamant. The oligarchy succeeded in electing their man Juan Bordaberry president, but he received only 21% of the votes.

The oligarchy and the U.S. faced strong resistance to their policies in the Uruguayan government. Bordaberry took more and more power unto himself until on June 27, 1973 he dissolved parliament and assumed total dictatorial powers; all municipal governments were also disbanded. The people reacted to this by staging mass strikes. They were attacked by the military and many were arrested or killed. All newspapers are now either heavily censored or closed down. Once again the U.S. supports a fascist regime who rules its people through terror. But the corporations and rich of America care only about their profits not about people.

A senator and member of the Broad Front, Enrique Erro said, "Uruguayans are predominantly democrats and will not tolerate the military regime. The effect of this coup will be to multiply the Tupamaros by 10, by 100, by 1,000." The Uruguayan people will fight for their national liberation.

POWER TO THE TUPAMAROS!
ALL POWER TO THE URUGUAYAN PEOPLE!

# ROTTEN CONDITIONS SPARK MILITANT PROTESTS BY AUTOWORKERS

*"Finally we decided it was time to move to a different level of action in seizing the plant. The only way they (Chrysler) understand anything is through action, and this is the kind of tactic to use to get action."*

In July and August autoworkers walked off the assembly lines protesting low pay and bad working conditions. Larry Carter and Isaac Shorter are pictured July 24th in Detroit (second picture from the left) after they won their demand that a racist foreman be fired.

On July 24, 1973 two Black auto workers at Chrysler Corporation's Jefferson Assembly plant in Detroit, shut off the electrical power for the assembly line. Then they locked themselves inside the power enclosure while about 100 other workers stood by in support. For thirteen hours these two workers – Isaac Shorter and Larry Carter – shut down the entire plant (Chrysler lost $5 million in unproduced Imperials) in order to force Chrysler to fire a racist, sadistic foreman and not to do anything to the workers for their action.

On August 8, 1,400 autoworkers walked out of Chrysler's Dodge forge plant in Detroit to protest the company's firing of sixteen workers who had previously protested the unsafe working conditions in the plant. In one week, these unsafe working conditions caused one worker's arm to be torn off and another worker's finger to be crushed. 60% of the workforce have been working seven days a week for the past six months with no time off. And in the summer the temperature at the Dodge forge plant reaches 130 degrees. Five days after the walkout began the workers voted to go back to work, but not until top United Auto Workers (UAW) leaders inspected the health and safety conditions in all 22 Detroit Chrysler plants.

On August 14, workers at the Mach Ave. Frame plant, another Chrysler plant in Detroit, sat down on a conveyor belt and halted production for the entire plant. The company closed down the plant, but 200 workers stayed inside and refused to leave until unsafe working conditions were corrected and six recently fired workers were reinstated. Lots of other workers supported their brothers who were sitting in inside by picketing outside the plant. Workers who had been involved in the Jefferson Assembly Plant and the Dodge forge actions came and brought food and blankets for those workers sitting in. On August 15, 30 hours after the sit-in began, police entered the plant and arrested the two workers who had sparked the sit-in. Working hand in hand with Chrysler, UAW leaders helped disperse the supporters outside the plant and force the protesting workers back to their jobs.

These three actions by auto workers in Detroit are dramatic evidence of the increasing militancy of workers all across the country. While the wage–price freeze (phases I, II, III, IV etc.) has held workers' wages down and allowed the cost of living to skyrocket, the large corporations have made record-breaking profits. (For instance, Chrysler's profits for the first half of this year are $198.4 million which is up 90% over last year.) At the same time that profits for major corporations are increasing, the working conditions are getting worse and the speed-up (rate a worker has to produce) is increasing.

Coupled with the worsening conditions and decreasing real wages is the fact that the established union leadership works hand in hand with the corporations to control the workers. In other words, the union leadership has sold out the workers. So the only avenue left open to workers is their organization, unity and direct action.

The three protests in Detroit have been labeled by UAW and Chrysler as activities sparked by "radical extremists". This is not true; the work stoppages were caused by unsafe working conditions, forced overtime, speed-up and lack of effective means of protesting these problems. One striker at the Mach Ave. plant explained: "We have had three people killed in this plant since the first of the year. There isn't a week goes by that someone isn't injured, loses fingers. No one does anything about it so we chose this way of dramatizing our problem."

Another worker at the Forge plant gave this example: "One guy, 18 years old, just out of high school, was put in the hammer room without any experience at all. They're only supposed to put experienced people in there. The hammer cut off his entire hand. His whole life now he'll look for work with only one hand."

More and more workers are understanding that the only way to have decent working conditions at a decent wage is by organizing and struggling against the company and the sell-out union leadership. As major corporations try to bleed more profits out of workers, there will be more actions like those in Detroit. As Isaac Shorter said: "Finally we decided it was time to move to a different level of action in seizing the plant. The only way they (Chrysler) understand anything is through action, and this is the kind of tactic we have to use to get action." Right On!

**ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

Two workers were arrested at the Mach Ave. Frame plant in Detroit on August 15th after a 30 hour sit-in by 200 people from the plant. Union leaders showed they work hand in hand with the corporations by sending men out, armed with clubs, to disperse the protesting workers.

# ATTICA IS ALL OF US

On September 9, 1971, inmates in Attica Correctional Facility, New York; took over a large part of the prison and made 28 demands for improvements. On September 13, Governor Rockefeller ordered the prison retaken by force. After a massive attack by the state police and prison officers, 10 guards and 29 inmates had died from gunfire and more than 80 inmates were wounded. All of those who were killed had been shot by police.

Now, two years later, 58 Attica brothers – 44 black, 8 white, 5 Latino, 1 Mohawk — face charges of murder, kidnapping, arson, larceny, etc. stemming from the uprising. Some could get death sentences if found guilty, because they are already doing life.

No guards or officials have been charged with anything. Yet, a Special Commission which investigated the uprising was very critical of the prison conditions which caused it and the violent way prison officials regained control. The conditions that led to the rebellion have not improved noticeably either.

What were the conditions that caused the men of Attica to revolt? Mail was censored, books and newspapers thought to be "revolutionary" were kept out, food was poor, school and job-training programs were mostly a joke. Inmates got paid between $0.20 and $1.00 a day for jobs, yet the metal shop made a big profit for the state. Inmates who went to sick call were often told they were shamming. There weren't enough law books, and inmates were given a hard time about getting in touch with lawyers, judges, and even "jailhouse lawyers" inside. There were no clear rules about how to make parole, or how to keep it once you were out.

Muslims were given a lot of trouble for practicing their religion and were treated as "troublemakers". Other inmates suspected of being leaders ("troublemakers") could expect to be harassed by the guards, sent to segregation (the Hole), and transferred from prison to prison. Inmates were locked in their cells from 5 in the afternoon til 7 in the morning, and guards could bust up games, conversations and informal classes at any time on the excuse that they threatened security.

Finally, inmates knew that whatever the rules said, they were totally under the control of the guards. These guards with few exceptions threw around "nigger," "spic," and "niggerlover". They were mostly white and came from small farm towns. They didn't understand inmates and feared anyone who stood up for his rights and didn't just go along with every little rule. Inmates had begun to realize that the laws, police and judges that had locked them up were rigged in favor of the rich.

The men at Attica had tried to get changes by sending petitions to Commissioner Oswald, head of the Department of Correction of New York state. They'd got back word that he was "studying" these, but no changes.

The uprising on September 9 wasn't planned. But once it started, most inmates jumped at a chance to act for themselves. By the end of the day, the brothers had set up camp in one of the exercise yards and organized squads to take care of food, shelter, medical treatment, security, and the protection and medical care of hostages. They asked that a group of "observers" be brought in to see conditions and help negotiations. These included sympathetic judges, newspapermen, lawyers and legislators, and representatives from black and Latino organizations.

After discussion with inmates, the observers brought the 28 demands to prison officials. Oswald agreed on principle to most of them, but said many needed new laws or more money or both – which depended on the state legislature, not him. Rockefeller agreed to recommend the necessary legislation, but this was no guarantee that the legislators, mostly hostile to prisoners would pass any of it.

Inmates did not trust this kind of agreement. They'd seen little on the streets or in prison to make them trust government officials. But the real problem was their demand for amnesty – a promise that no one would be charged for any damages, injuries or deaths caused in the uprising. The government promised that no inmate would be charged for property damage or the act of rebellion, and that there would be no "mass prosecutions" holding everyone present responsible. But both Oswald and Rockefeller said they would prosecute individuals for deaths and injuries. Inmates, again, hardly trusted the state's promises; in any case, since one guard and three inmates had died and others had been injured, no inmate could be sure he wouldn't get charged with murder or involvement in murder. Inmates refused to release the hostages and return to their cells without amnesty. The state refused it.

Early in the morning of September 13, state troopers and guards – poorly instructed and unrestrained by their officers – let fly with rifle and shotgun. After 15 minutes, 39 were dead, including 10 of the hostages the government had claimed to be so worried about.

The state lied to the public about the hostages, during and after the uprising, saying they had been raped, castrated, killed by having their throats cut. There was no truth in any of this, but the stories turned public opinion against the inmates and their just demands. The rumors also made the state troopers more angry and brutal. One guard died of blows received in the original takeover; the 10 hostages who died were shot in the government's attack (no inmates had guns).

The shooting was only the beginning. Inmates were then prodded, insulted, beaten, denied medical care for hours, made to run between lines of guards with clubs, sent to solitary for long stretches. They have been repeatedly questioned, punished and promised parole to get them to inform on each other. A few have given in. Most stand fast in spite of all this.

The present indictments are probably only a beginning. The indicted men – only a few of whom are out on bail – need support in their defense. They need lawyers, legal workers, and money for fees, court costs, expenses of tracking down witnesses. They need public support so that the government cannot lock them away quietly and continue the same treatment of prisoners all over the country. If the government succeeds, it will be encouraged to crush other people who demand their rights, to put more people in prison, and to treat them ever more harshly. That is why

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Special thanks to to the two bands: Seventh Gate and White Cross Canyon. They played some fantastic jams. We would also like to thank the American Legion Hall on S. Broadway for letting us have the dance there.

This dance could not have happened without the help of lots of people. We'd like to thank the following brothers and sisters for their hard work: Ron, Pat, Dennis, Danny, Willy, Ted, Jerry, Terry, Click, Pam and Sheena – all from the Patch neighborhood. From Soulard – Ralph, Stan, Wayne, and Bucky. From around Benton Park – Bob, Carol, Bob, Jim and Mary. An extra special thanks to Dave and Sue for the beautiful banner and also to the Peoples' Camera Men – R.J., Mat and Angel.

All the proceeds from the dance are going to the Benton Park Community Center. Watch for the next one.

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# SHELL NO-PEST STRIPS ARE DANGEROUS

Dear Rising Up Angry,

I noticed that the mother who wrote in about the harmful additives in ice cream said she'd like more articles like it. Here is information which I hope will make you throw away your "No-Pest Strip" from Shell. THE VAPOR EMITTED BY THESE "NO-PEST STRIPS" INTENDED TO KILL INSECTS ALSO IS HARMFUL TO HUMANS!

Over ten years ago Shell submitted this product for registration with the Federal Government and Public Health Service officials objected. Their reason – they said people should not be continuously inhaling a vapor in their homes that is toxic enough to kill insects unless there was a strong countervailing benefit. Reducing the number of household flies does not rate as a very strong benefit.

Shell did finally receive government registration, and in 1970 the FDA required them to label it, "Not to be used in nurseries or rooms where infants, ill or aged people are confined. "Nor is it to be used where food is prepared or consumed. However, Shell's TV ad shows a woman hanging a No-Pest Strip in a nursery where small children are playing!

Dr. Samuel Epstein of Case Western Reserve University reports studies showing effects of these vaporized chemicals to be adverse to nervous systems as well as presenting hazards to unborn fetuses and cancerous risks.

He also cites reports of people complaining of headaches, abdominal cramps and nausea following use of the Strip. And though the Strip is harmful if it touches the skin, the product bears no warning. Dr. Epstein also believes that the concentrations of the Strip's vapor in hot, poorly ventilated rooms (which describes a lot of Chicago's apartments and factories) can exceed the limits set for worker safety standards. Show your fellow employees this article.

But why should Shell tell you and me these vital facts when their product is bringing them a fine profit? Because they care for nothing else. They sure don't give a damn about us. We don't ask that they care paternalistically, but we demand they act in a responsible manner by removing this product immediately, and be fined as anyone is for endangering the public health.

It is unfortunate, to say the least, that we citizens cannot rely on our elected leaders to appoint competent men to the FDA. But this is one of the lesser failures we can expect from conniving criminals like Nixon and cohorts.

It is still more unfortunate that the fault does not lie with one individual or even with one administration. The problem lies in an economic system where profit is supreme, the government is bought, and to hell with the working man and woman.

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## *DOWNER BLUES*

At the beach on a hot summer night,
I'm really feelin' out of sight.
Cause don't we all know that it's true,
Everything is so fine when you get downs in you.
Well, I can't remember how many I ate,
But if I eat four more I know I'll feel real great.
After a while I feel that rush coming on,
I can feel my body going down, down, down,
Reality is so very far away in outer space,
But then the side walk jumps up and slaps me in the face.
People gather round trying to get me to awaken,
But then, the ambulance arrives and away I'm taken.
Well, Mister Ambulance Driver, you're mistaken can't you see,
Why did you cover up my face when there is nothing wrong with me.
What am I doing here in a coffin at this wake,
I only took a couple downs, this must be a mistake.
All my friends and family are gathered round here where I'm lying,
My parents look really shaken and my ma just won't stop crying,
All my friends shake their heads and say, "You know it just ain't right,"
But then they're all back to eating downs at the beach that same night.
How could I throw my life away when I was still so young and free,
I wish I could have just one more chance but I know it's too late for me.
And if you don't think this could happen to you,
Better stop a while honey and think it through.
Cause I could be anybody you know, your best friend, your husband, or wife,
Your neighbor, someone you hang with, or someone else you've known all your life.
And though you can dismiss this whole thing as a lie,
It is you who is going to be next to die.
But it will be far too late to take heed of my pleas,
When it is you in that coffin instead of me.
So keep eating those pills and ignore what I've said,
Cause for all those cheap thrills, baby, soon you'll be dead.

Wayne

# VIETNAM VETS ACQUITTED OF CONSPIRACY CHARGES

The Nixon administration tried to frame these brothers and destroy the VVAW organization. The trial proved the governments charges were all lies.

On Friday, August 31, in Gainesville, Florida, the verdict was returned on eight members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) charged with "conspiracy" to disrupt last year's Republican National Convention. The jury took less than four hours to deliberate - not guilty on all counts. This decision is a significant victory for the people of America. And a significant defeat for the Nixon Administration's Watergate-Gestapo methods of running this country. For over a year, the Nixon Administration, the FBI, local police, and the trial judge made every effort to frame these eight brothers, and, in fact, the VVAW organization itself. But the charges and evidence were so outrageous that it soon became evident that it was the government that was guilty of conspiracy.

Recently, it has become obvious to everyone that Nixon is, among other things, a paranoid president, scared of everyone who opposes him. He has spent a great amount of money and hired many people to build an intelligence and police operation to use against those on his "enemies" list. And VVAW, an organization of men sent to Indochina to fight Nixon's barbaric war who came home determined to see the war end, was one group that Nixon and the government particularly wanted to destroy.

The indictment of Pete Mahoney, Alton Foss, Scott Camil, John Briggs, John Kniffin, Stanley Michelson, William Patterson, and Donald Purdue by a federal grand jury in July, 1972, was the latest attack on the Vietnam Veterans. They were accused of conspiring to cause riots with firebombs, automatic weapons and fireworks at the Republican Convention in Miami. But it was clear that it was not the eight individuals, but VVAW that was being indicted.

By dragging VVAW into the courts, the government hoped to discredit the organization and their supporters. The government wanted to use the charges to scare people away from VVAW and especially away from demonstrations planned for the Republican National Convention. The government also figured that the charges could be used to intimidate VVAW from increasing their work, or at least to drain ½ the energy and money of the organization in a lengthy trial.

But there was another reason the government wanted to frame VVAW - Nixon was attempting to justify the Watergate break-in and similar activities. In fact, the indictments against the eight brothers came down just shortly after the Watergate thieves were caught. Nixon hoped to show, with charges of conspiracy to commit violence, that VVAW was making plans that could cause a grave "national security risk." Then by linking VVAW to the Democratic Party, Nixon could defend his bugging of Democratic National Headquarters. He wanted to say "I had to bug the place to protect America from these violence-prone veterans." However, it was the government through infiltrators, that plotted the violence.

The trial itself began a month ago. It was carried out in true Watergate fashion. The entirety of the government's case rested on the testimony of FBI and police informers who infiltrated VVAW and claimed to have heard the veterans plotting violence for Miami. The first informer was a detective with a revoked detective license. The second is himself under investigation for false bookkeeping and misspending on funds at his last job.

The "star" witness for the government was William Lemmer, also a spy, whose testimony had led to the indictments. Under questioning his testimony turned out to be a series of lies and contradictions, despite numerous trips to the hall for secret coaching from the prosecuter. Besides, Lemmer is suffering from insomnia, headaches, blackouts, depression, nightmares, unconciousness and amnesia, all of which led to his being offered a psychiatric discharge from the military. Actually, Lemmer tried, but failed, to provoke VVAW into using violence. Eventually VVAW got Lemmer to confess on tape that he was an informer trying to "set up" VVAW.

Another government trick, Pablo Fernandez, who works for the FBI and the Miami Police Dept., attempted to sell VVAW illegal machine guns and explosives but he too was turned down. As the Miami Police Commander admitted, Fernandez was sent into VVAW "hoping....to produce a charge of conspiracy." So twice government agents tried to provoke VVAW and both times VVAW refused.

Despite the total lack of evidence, the prosecuter and Judge Arnow were determined to have the Gainesville 8 convicted. The courtroom itself became a circus. At one point two FBI agents were caught in a closet listening to confidential talks between the defendants and their lawyer. In fact, even the jury complained that maybe their phones were being bugged. But Judge Arnow ruled it all wasn't important. He did think it was important, however, that no one understand exactly what was happening in the courtroom and forbid any of the Vietnam veterans or their supporters from talking or writing about the trial.

The defense rested its case primarily on the lack of a case – the lies and inconsistencies – presented by the government. Over a thousand people in Gainesville marched demanding acquittal for the eight brothers in a trial that Anthony Russo, a defendant in the Pentagon Papers case, called "the biggest act of hypocrisy the government has ever tried to perpetrate." On August 31, the jury agreed and the Gainesville 8 are back on the streets.

It is important for all of us to understand that the government's charges against these brothers were lies. In fact, while Nixon was accusing VVAW of conspiracy to commit violence, he was engaged in murderous violence himself, secretly, illegally, and viciously bombing thousands in Cambodia. The infiltrators, the charges, and the trial were actually one part of the real conspiracy – Nixon's conspiracy to keep the truth from people and to gather total power in the hands of a few rich crooks. We must make certain that Nixon's Watergate-style conspiracies end, and the VVAW victory in Gainesville is a first step in that direction.

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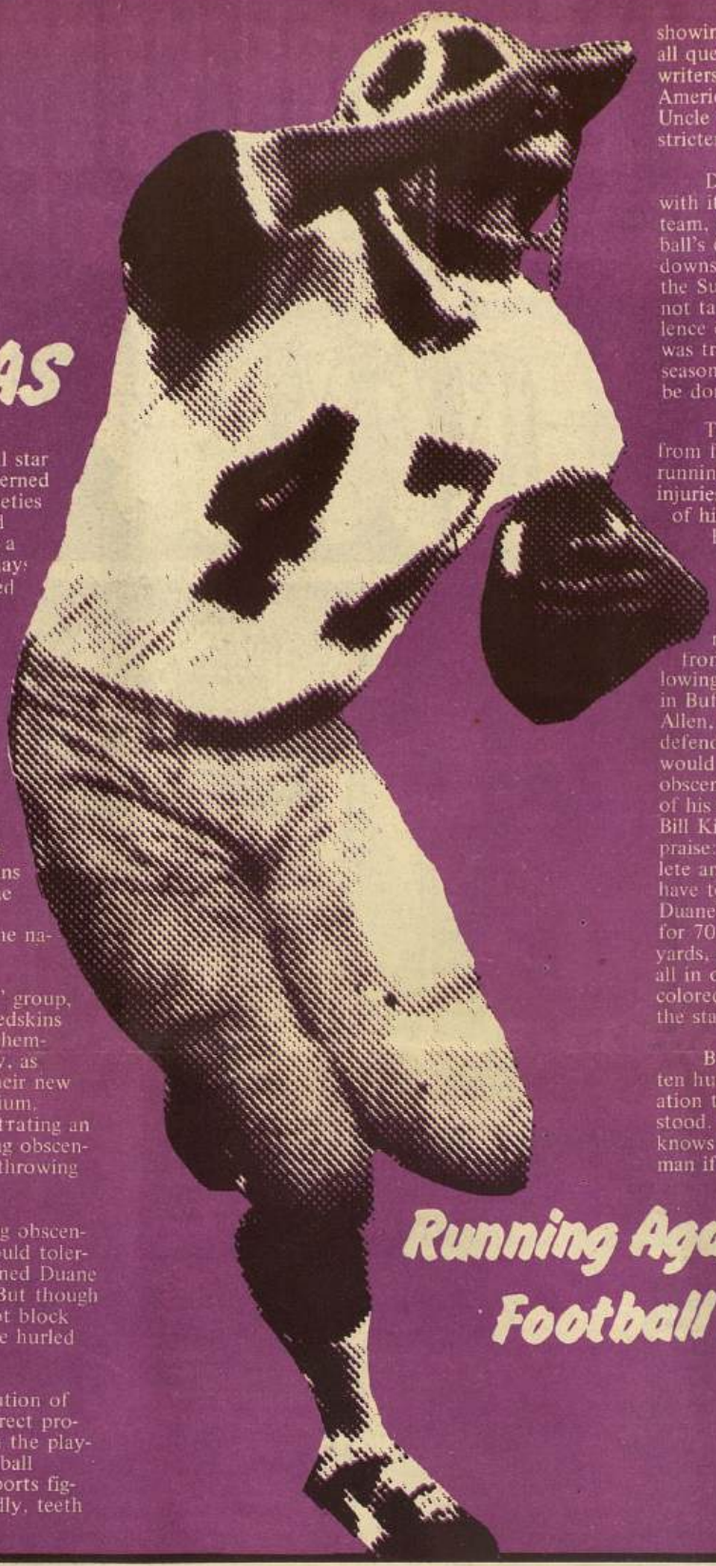

## Running Against Football Myths

Black football star Duane Thomas is not very concerned about the myths and social niceties this country has built up around sports and its sports heroes. As a result, no matter how well he plays on the field, the Washington Redskins running back is always in the middle of a controversy.

The latest "Thomas incident," as the myth-makers and perpetrators called it, occured two weeks ago in Buffalo. Probably disappointed with the showing of their team – the Buffalo Bills were crushed by the Thomas - led Washington Redskins, 37 to 21 – Buffalo fans became angered at Brother Duane for walking around and turning his head during the playing of the national anthem.

One particularly "outraged" group, sitting directly in back of the Redskins bench, decided to take it upon themselves to defend flag and country, as well as uphold the sanctity of their new 80,000, $21 million domed stadium. Their manner was typcial, perpetrating an another myth themselves: yelling obscenities; shouting racist insults and throwing refuse from the stands.

When they started screaming obscenities about his mother, Duane could tolerate no more. Teammates restrained Duane from climbing into the stands. But though they stopped him, they could not block the helmet and thermos bottle he hurled at his tormentors.

The intensity of the persecution of Duane Thomas is displayed in direct proportion to Duane's excellence on the playing field. Thus goes the myth: ball players, and particularly Black sports figures, are supposed to smile broadly, teeth showing, win or lose; courteously answer all questions, ignorant and biased sports-writers demand and above all, be super-American, catch, field, run or shuffle for Uncle Sam. The better the ballplayer, the stricter must his adherence be to the myth.

Duane Thomas refuses to go along with it. Two years ago Duane carried his team, then the Dallas Cowboys, to football's championship scoring two touchdowns and racing for over 100 yards in the Super Bowl. Yet, because he would not talk to reporters, maintaining his silence even in "his moment of glory," he was traded to San Diego before the next season began. The myth demanded it be done.

The following year Duane sat out from football. He refused to change his running style and undergo unnecessary injuries during training exercises, all because of his coach's whims. San Diego's coach, Harland Savard, is a myth-enthusiast.

Traded earlier this year to the Washington Redskins, Duane Thomas is now receiving, at least minimal support from his coach and teammates. Following his myth-shattering performance in Buffalo, Washington's coach, George Allen, thirsting for a Super Bowl win, defended Duane, asking newsmen, "What would you have done if you heard those obscenities coming at you? I'm proud of his reaction." The team's quarterback, Bill Kilmer, was even more lavish with his praise: "Duane Thomas is a great athlete and a fine person....Nobody should have to take what he took." Of course, Duane's outstanding play – 16 carries for 70 yards, 3 pass receptions for 42 yards, and a one-yard touchdown run – all in one half of the game certainly colored their defense of his dash for the stands.

Born and raised in Texas, one of ten hungry children, Duane's determination to defy the myths is easily understood. Struggling on, Duane Thomas knows that he would be a myth of a man if he didn't.

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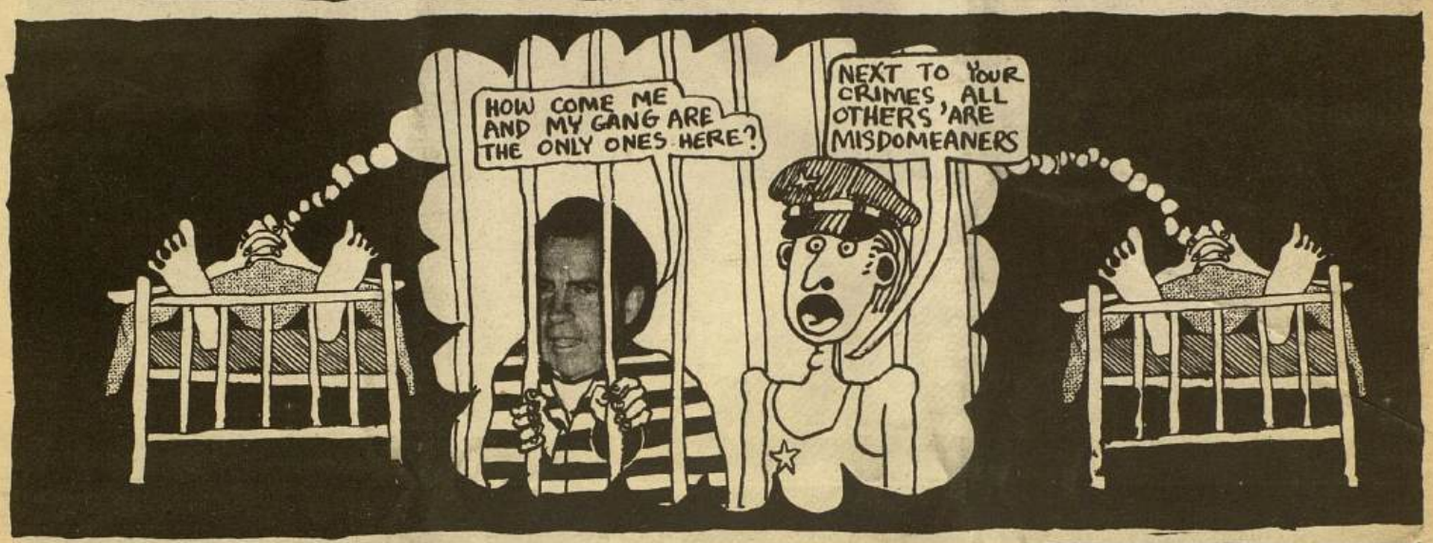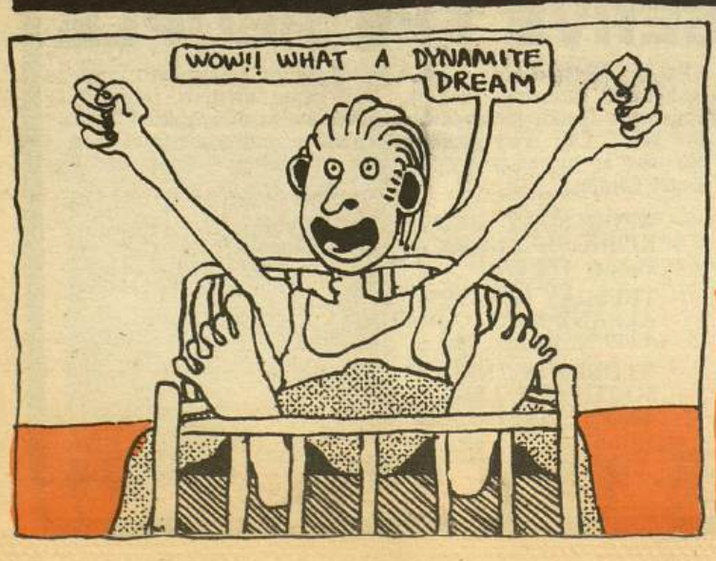
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